

Kahane, Facing Jail Term, Vows Continued Attacks on Soviets

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Rabbi Meir Kahane, the head of the militant Jewish Defense League, said yesterday, at a news conference that he and his followers would not be deterred from using explosives or other forms of violence against Soviet installations in this country if they considered it necessary.

"We would not hesitate to use these methods because it is against a tyranny that doesn't allow any form of protest," he declared. "But we would not use them against Americans."

To Meet on Thursday

Rabbi Kahane made this statement despite the fact that he and two of his followers face prison terms of up to five years each for conspiracy to manufacture explosives. They

pleaded guilty to the charge last Friday in Federal Court in Brooklyn and are scheduled to be sentenced July 23.

He announced that the league's executive board would meet Thursday night at its Brooklyn headquarters to consider its future if he should terred from using explosives or "I will suggest that we institute a new militant campaign against the Soviet Union," he said.

At the news conference, in the league's Brooklyn offices at 4002 New Utrecht Avenue, in the Borough Park section, Rabbi Kahane disclaimed knowledge of the 197 sticks of dynamite that were found Sunday near the Alpine Lookout along the Palisades Interstate Parkway in New Jersey.

An anonymous telephone caller who said he was a member

of the league had called Federal authorities Sunday morning to tell them where the dynamite could be found.

"A lot of people have been using the name of the league in phone calls to claim that it was responsible for some act of violence," Rabbi Kahane said.

Its Firearms Held Legal

He asserted that the league possessed only legally purchased registered firearms at its camp in Woodbourne, Sullivan County, N.Y., as Federal agents would find when they paid a scheduled visit there tomorrow.

As part of a deal between the defense and the prosecution in Federal Court, the Government agreed to drop additional charges of conspiring to transport firearms across state lines against the three de-

fendants. In return, the league agreed to turn over to the Government any illegal explosives and firearms in its possession and to submit to an inspection of its camp.

The Government also agreed to drop all charges against 10 other defendants indicted with the three who pleaded guilty.

In a related development, the police yesterday roped off the East Side Airlines Terminal for an hour while they removed six blasting caps and 23 bags of black powder from a locker in the terminal at First Avenue and 37th Street.

The police had gone there in response to a phone call made earlier by Rabbi Kahane's defense counsel, Barry Slotnick, to Assistant United States Attorney Thomas Pattison in Brooklyn.

According to the prosecutor, Mr. Slotnick told him he had information that the explosive material was in the locker.

Acting United States Attorney Robert A. Morse of the Eastern District, said later:

"Having been advised later by a JDL spokesman of the location of the explosive, I must presume it to be part of a good-faith compliance with the court's direction that all explosives be turned in."

Rabbi Kahane, when asked at the news conference whether he would consider his jailing a form of martyrdom that would help his league's efforts to persuade the Soviets to let Jews emigrate, shook his head and said:

"Jail isn't a nice place for a nice Jewish boy or for anybody, and I don't want to go there."

Federal Agents Seize Gun At a J.D.L. Camp Upstate

Agents of the United States Treasury Department seized a pistol last week during a two-day search of the Jewish Defense League summer camp in Woodbourne, officials said Saturday.

The camp is in Sullivan County, northwest of New York City, near the Pennsylvania border.

Thomas R. Pattison, assistant United States attorney, said the visit by agents of the Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms division of the Treasury Department had been arranged with the directors of the camp.

The agents seized a .38-caliber revolver and inspected a number of weapons found to be legally owned, according to Mr. Pattison.

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